

REMARKS REGARDING RESPONSES AND AMENDMENTS**1. Amendment of Specification.**

The Examiner, at page 2, has objected to the Specification under 35 USC 132 indicating that the specification introduces new matter. Your applicant has amended the Specification to strike references to adhesive and or mechanical fixing at pages 11, 12, 16 and 17. Hence your applicant requests the Examiner to withdraw the Objection and allow prosecution of the application and granting of the claims.

2. Amendment of Drawings

Corrected Drawings will be submitted.

3. Response to Rejections under 35 USC 112

The Examiner, at page 2-3, paragraphs 3-4, has rejected claims 33-42 as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The Examiner states that the claim(s) contain subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey such information. The Examiner notes that the original specification provides no disclosure of a "groove comprising vane restraining member" as is seen in claim 33. The Examiner states that the wording appears to suggest that the groove includes additional structure which acts to restrain the vane. The Examiner notes that from the original specification the groove itself restrains the vane. The Examiner notes that the original specification provides no disclosure of "adhesive" as is claimed in claim 36.

Your applicant has amended claim 33 to strike the phrase "groove comprising vane restraining member". Your applicant agrees that the original specification discloses that the groove itself restrains the vane. The matter of how the groove restrains the vane

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1 will be appreciated by those of ordinary skill in the art.

2 Claim 36 has been amended to strike reference to adhesive or mechanical means.
3 With these amendments to claims 33 and 36, your applicant respectfully requests the
4 Examiner to withdraw the indicated rejection of claims 33-42 and to allow said claims as
5 amended.

6 **4. Response to Rejections under 35 USC 102(b)**

7 **Rejections of Claims 30-31 based on CLYDE:** The Examiner, at page 3,
8 paragraphs 5-6, has rejected claims 30-31 as anticipated by Clyde. Claims 30-31 have
9 been cancelled.

10 **Rejections based on PAGE, No. 2,183,657:** At page 3 paragraphs 5 and 7 the
11 Examiner has rejected claims 30-31 under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Page.
12 Claims 30-32 have been cancelled.

13 **4. Response to Rejections under 35 U.S.C. 103(a)**

14 The Examiner, at page 4/paragraphs 8-11 rejects Claim 32 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a)
15 in light of Page. Claim 32 has been cancelled.

16 **5. Allowable Subject Matter.**

17 At page 4, paragraph 10, the Examiner advises that claims 33-42 would be
18 allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejections under 35 USC 112 and to include all of
19 the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The Examiner observes the
20 need to avoid mention of adhesive or mechanical fixing means and advises the applicant
21 to insure that the wording of claim 33 makes clear that the groove itself restrains the vane.

22 Your applicant has cancelled claims 30-32. Your applicant has stricken all
23 references to adhesive and mechanical means. Your applicant has insured that the claim
24 clearly claims that the groove restrains the vane.

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SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS AND REMARKS

The applicant has reviewed the Examiner's Action of June 4, 2004, has spoken with the Examiner and has addressed all objections and rejections disclosed therein. Accordingly, the applicant has made a good faith attempt to meet each objection and/or rejection as noted by the Examiner. Accordingly your applicant requests the Examiner to withdraw the said objections and rejections and to allow the Claims 33-42 as amended.

Respectfully submitted,

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